

Denali

National Park

Denali national park and preserve is located in the center of Alaska. It's a huge park, 2,126,101 square acres, and one of the most important parks because what is inside. Mt. McKinley stands at 20,320 feet high, the highest mountain in North America! With all this altitude the weather changes quickly.

Denali is a park where the weather is unpredictable. People that live there say to expect snow, rain, sun and a blizzard all in the same day. It changes so rapidly climbers and hikers have been caught in blizzards and have been badly hurt or killed. Hikers should be prepared for any type of weather.

Even with the crazy weather Denali is an important habitat to wildlife. It is home for 39 species of mammals, 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish and one species of amphibian. Those animals include grizzly bears, caribou, wolves, dall sheep and moose. To feed some of the animals there's More than 650 species of flowering plants! It's not just good for the animals and plants it's also a great place for outdoor activities.

If you're thinking about going there the activities include rafting, sightseeing, horseback riding, dog sledding and flight seeing. If you're a photographer there are certainly lots of picture perfect views. It's also conveniently located on Route 3 and accessible by the Alaskan railroad.

Denali national park may have dangerous weather but the beautiful landscape and wildlife makes it worth it.

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